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From: Igolnikov, Roman
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To: J. Ezra Merkin
Subject: Meeting with Madoff

Hi Ezra,

I apologize not to remember the time window to go see Bernie. My availability is good for Tuesday the 23rd 9-11:30am and 2-3:45 pm and quite open on Wednesday, 24th. If this does not work, my January calendar is quite open.

I forgot to mention to you that my daughter Irina got accepted in Cornell School of Architecture 5 years program.

Thanks,

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